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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

(L. S.) *To the inhabitants of the Town of Chester
qualified to vote in town affairs :*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects :

1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
2. To choose all necessary town officers and agents for the year ensuing.
3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools ; for the maintenance of the poor ; for laying out and repairing highways, and building and repairing bridges ; for paying the town debts and defraying the interest thereon, and for other necessary charges arising in said town.
4. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
5. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the decoration of soldiers' graves.
6. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to abate so much of the taxes of William P. Underhill as were assessed as doomage for the year 1883.
7. To see what action the town will take in regard to purchasing a Road machine.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-third day of February, A. D 1884.

ADDISON A. BEAN,
GEORGE S. WEBSTER, } Selectmen of
CYRUS F. MARSTON. } Chester.

A true copy of warrant. Attest :

ADDISON A. BEAN,
GEORGE S. WEBSTER, } Selectmen of
CYRUS F. MARSTON, } Chester.

TOWN OF CHESTER.

OFFICERS FOR YEAR 1883.

MODERATOR—Silas F. Learnard.

TOWN CLERK—Cyrus F. Marston.

REPRESENTATIVE—Charles A. Wilcomb.

SELECTMEN—Addison A. Bean, George S. Webster, Cyrus F. Marston.

OVERSEER OF THE POOR—George S. Webster.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE—Harriette A. Melvin.

TREASURER—John W. Noyes.

COLLECTOR—Silas F. Learnard.

AUDITORS—Charles Chase, George W. Dolber, Augustus P. Morse.

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK LIST—Charles S. Wilcomb, Albert F. B. Edwards, Rufus W. Moore.

Taxes assessed for the year 1883, are as follows :

State Tax,	\$1,016 00
County Tax,	1,280 89
School Tax required by law,	889 00
Town Tax,	2,000 00
School house Tax in District No. 1,	100 00
School house Tax in District No. 2,	50 00
Non-resident highway Taxes,	106 72
Tax on dogs,	69 00
Per cent. added,	140 02
	<hr/> \$5,651 63

AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY.

Raised by Tax,	.	.	.	\$889 00	
Literary fund,	.	.	.	97 06	
				<hr/>	\$986 06

The Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor charge themselves with orders drawn on the Treasurer for the following purposes :

SCHOOL MONEY.

District No. 1, John Underhill,	.	\$235 78	
2, Charles N. Fitz,	.	148 05	
3, Edward J. Robie,	.	171 40	
4, Richard C. Lawrence, Jr.	.	65 95	
5, Asahel Weeks,	.	50 05	
6, Oren F. Page,	.	53 83	
7, Buzzell A. Follansbee,	.	80 55	
8, Elizabeth E. Dolber,	.	75 91	
9, Amos Sanborn,	.	51 01	
10, Oliver H. Tarleton,	.	38 29	
District No. 1, Auburn, Belle Parks,	.	15 24	
		<hr/>	\$986 06

EXPENSES OF TOWN HALL.

C. A. Wilcomb, use of town hall, 6 times,	\$3 00	
C. A. Wilcomb, painting town hall,	35 00	
Robert H. Hazelton, use of hall, 6 times,	3 00	
Robert H. Hazelton, glass and setting same,	2 50	
James Gerah, for repairing windows, &c.,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$44 50

FIRE WARDS.

C. A. Wilcomb, for oil for hose,	.	\$0 70	
C. A. Wilcomb, use of hall twice,	.	1 00	
Bishop & Brother, 2 fire ladders,	.	9 83	
		<hr/>	\$11 53

PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

Charles Bartlett, printing reports for 1882,	\$23 25	
Charles Chase, getting reports printed, .	1 50	
Temple & Farington, for blank books, .	9 20	
	<hr/>	\$33 95

SCHOOL HOUSE TAX.

District No. 1,	\$100 00	
“ “ 1,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$150 00

IMPROVEMENTS ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Frederick Griffin, splitting stone and work on Wilber bridge, .	\$2 50	
Edward West, repairs on Wilber bridge and material,	44 06	
Edward West, repairs of highway and ma- terial, near Wilber bridge, .	54 75	
George W. Hook, stone for Wilber bridge,	2 00	
Charles H. Green, two stringers for Wil- ber bridge, and labor, . .	8 95	
Daniel S. West, cutting bushes in District No. 16,	1 37	
Frank W. Warren, stringers, plank, &c., District No. 17,	3 60	
Anderson Holman, railing, and repairs on road, District No. 15, . . .	5 59	
George W. Weeks, repairing culvert and road, District No. 5,	2 50	
Charles H. Knowles, stringers and plank, District No. 12,	5 50	
Oren F. Page, bridge plank in Dis. No. 9,	7 20	
Dwight M. Mitchell, labor on Wilber bridge,	2 25	

Frank E. Wells, drawing stringers for Wilber bridge,	\$4 00	
McDuffee & Morse, irons for railing,	65	
Addison A. Bean labor on Wilber bridge	5 25	
George S. Webster, labor on do.	3 75	
	<hr/>	\$153 92

BREAKING ROADS.

Lewis Sanborn, District No. 10, 1883,	\$2 50	
Richard B. Morse, District No. 4, 1883,	88	
Daniel S. West, District No. 16, 1883,	1 50	
John E. Kimball, District No. 17, 1883,	1 50	
Wm. P. W. Whittemore, District No. 1, 1883	2 00	
J. W. Smith, District No. 15, 1883,	12 36	
James D. Lane, District No. 13, 1883,	8 00	
George W. Weeks, District No. 5, 1883,	1 50	
Clark P. Hall, District No. 7, 1883,	8 13	
Oren F. Page, District No. 9, 1883,	5 00	
George W. Clark, District No. 14, 1883,	3 27	
Richard B. Morse, District No. 4, 1884,	1 18	
	<hr/>	\$47 82

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX WORKED.

Edward West, District No. 10, 1883,	\$10 04	
Daniel S. West, District No. 16, 1883,	1 22	
Frank W. Warren, District No. 17, 1883,	2 22	
James D. Lane, District No. 13, 1883,	16 59	
Anderson Holman, District No. 15, 1883,	1 86	
Clark B. Hall, District No. 7, 1883,	4 20	
Richard B. Morse, District No. 4, 1883,	2 03	
Oren F. Page, District No. 9, 1882,	1 21	
John Moore's heirs, District No. 12, 1883,	3 00	
George M. Clark, District No. 14, 1883,	38	
Silas F. Learnard, District No. 6, 1883,	45	
Silas F. Learnard, District No. 11, 1883,	10 80	
Silas F. Learnard and others,	56 96	
	<hr/>	\$110 96

CEMETERY.

Charles A. Wilcomb, one hoe, . . .	\$0 45	
Caroline E. W. Morse, lot for hearse house, . . .	20 00	
Robert H. Hazelton, care of cemetery, . . .	4 00	
Addison A. Bean, labor, moving hearse house, . . .	3 00	
George S. Webster, labor, do. do. . .	2 25	
	<hr/>	\$29 70

DAMAGES ON HIGHWAY.

Florence C. Carr, damage to horse, 1881, . . .	\$15 00	
Warren M. Carr, damage to furniture, . . .		
&c., 1881, . . .	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$25 00

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Noah H. Weeks, 2 sheep, . . .	\$4 00	
R. B. Morse, 1 sheep, . . .	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$7 00

PERAMBULATING TOWN LINES.

Addison A. Bean, . . .	\$1 50	
George S. Webster, . . .	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$3 00

RETURN OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS TO JAN. 1, 1884.

James F. Brown, 10 births, 21 deaths, . . .	\$7 75	
Lafayette Chesley, 11 births and deaths, . . .	2 75	
Arthur L. Emerson, 8 births, 11 deaths, . . .	4 75	
Lafayette Chesley, 4 births, 3 deaths, . . .	1 75	
	<hr/>	\$17 00

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

S. F. Learnard, discount on taxes paid			
before August 1st,	.	.	\$63 00
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			\$63 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Horace A. Hills, wrong taxed, 1883,	.	\$5 94	
Wm. P. W. Whittemore, horse died, 1883		75	
Richard B. Morse, over 70, 1883,	.	1 25	
William C. Ela, unable to pay, 1882 list,		2 70	
Fred. W. Chamberlain, left town, do.	.	1 45	
Charles H. Dennis, paid in Epping, do.	.	1 45	
Jason S. Chamberlain, paid in Mass. do.	.	1 45	
Arthur Underhill, pd. in Manchester, do.	.	1 45	
Gilman Jenness, wrong tax, do.	.	1 45	
Joseph D. Wiggin, left town, do.	.	2 89	
Ernest O. Raymond, cannot collect, do.	.	2 68	
John Dorr, left town, do.	.	1 45	
Charles Pressey, dog tax, do.	do.	1 00	
Charles Warren, left town, do.	.	1 45	
		<hr/>	\$27 36

BOUNTY ON CROWS AND WOODCHUCKS.

Addison A. Bean, 25 crows, 1 woodchuck,	\$2 60	
George S. Webster, 5 crows,	50	
Cyrus F. Marston, 88 crows, 12 woodchucks,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$13 10

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK-LIST.

Charles S. Wilcomb,	.	.	.	\$4 00	
Albert F. B. Edwards,	.	.	.	4 00	
Rufus W. Moore,	.	.	.	4 00	
				<hr/>	\$12 00

COLLECTING TAXES.

Silas F. Learnard, in part for 1882,	.	\$30 00	
Silas F. Learnard, in part for 1883,	.	75 00	
		<u> </u>	\$105 00

TOWN CLERK.

Cyrus F. Marston, services and expenses,	\$20 00	
	<u> </u>	\$20 00

TOWN TREASURER.

John W. Noyes,	\$25 00	
	<u> </u>	\$25 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Harriette A. Melvin,	\$40 00	
	<u> </u>	\$40 00

SELECTMEN'S SERVICES.

Addison A. Bean,	\$51 00	
George S. Webster,	43 50	
Cyrus F. Marston,	33 25	
	<u> </u>	\$127 75

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSES.

Addison A. Bean,	\$16 78	
George S. Webster,	10 00	
Cyrus F. Marston,	3 11	
	<u> </u>	\$29 89

OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

George S. Webster,	\$15 00	
	<u> </u>	\$15 00

AUDITORS' SERVICES.

Charles Chase,	.	.	.	\$2 00	
George W. Dolber,	.	.	.	2 00	
Augustus P. Morse,	.	.	.	2 00	
				<u> </u>	\$6 00

AUDITORS' AND SELECTMENS' EXPENSES.

Addison A. Bean,	.	.	.	\$4 50	
				<u> </u>	\$4 50
Total,	.	.	.		<u><u>\$2,109 04</u></u>

Respectfully submitted.

ADDISON A. BEAN,	}	Selectmen of Chester.
GEORGE S. WEBSTER,		
CYRUS F. MARSTON,		

NOTICE.

All Taxes assessed in the Town of Chester for the year 1883, not paid on or before the 1st day of April next, will be advertised, as the law directs.

	S. F. LEARNARD,	
Chester, Feb. 25, 1884.		Collector.

REPORT OF GEORGE S. WEBSTER, OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Frank P. Brown, for goods furnished Hannah L. Currier, from Feb. 14th, 1883, to Feb. 14th, 1884, .	\$65 00	\$65 00
Zacheus Shirley, for board, care and expense of Mrs. Sarah Shirley, from April 10th to Aug. 18th, 1883,	\$118 00	\$118 00
Mrs. H. Knippe, for boarding Edmund K. Morse, from Feb. 16th, 1883, to Feb. 15th, 1884, . . .	\$82 16	
Mrs. C. M. Thompson, for shoes, .	1 00	
Arthur L. Emerson, for medical at- tendance,	75	\$83 91
Hannah M. Wilcomb, for house rent. from Feb. 25th to May 7th, 1883, for Johnson family,	\$4 67	
G. W. Merrill, for house rent, from May 7th, 1883, to Feb. 7th, 1884,	\$22 50	
A. A. Bean, for services and expenses	3 75	
Rockingham Co., for board and cloth- ing furnished Mary A. Johnson, Aug. 3d, 1883, to March 1st, 1884	79 00	
David S. Wilson, for moving wood, .	5 00	\$114 92
Eben Hoyt, for board and expense of Humphrey Niles,	\$18 00	
Chas. Adams, for coffin and box, .	10 50	
Robert H. Hazleton, for burial, .	2 50	\$31 00

Betsey A. Waymouth, for boarding Clarence A. Waymouth, from Feb. 17th, 1883, to May 1st,	\$13 50	
John Schey, for board, from May 1st to July 2d, 1883,	\$13 70	
Rockingham Co., for board and cloth- ing, from July 2d, 1883, to March 1st, 1884,	90 00	
A. A. Bean, half day's services,	75	
Arthur L. Emerson, for medical at- tendance,	75	
	<hr/>	\$118 70
Total amount for support of town paupers,		\$531 53
Paid O. G. Sanborn, for keeping transient persons,		\$3 00

COUNTY PAUPERS.

James Shirley, for care of Hazen Mills,	\$8 00
Collected of County and Town Treasurer,	\$8 00

GEORGE S. WEBSTER,
Overseer of Poor.

CHESTER, N. H., Feb. 23d, 1884.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor for the year past, and find the same correctly cast, with proper vouchers for the several charges.

CHARLES CHASE,
GEORGE W. DOLBER, } Auditors.
AUGUSTUS P. MORSE, }

RECORD OF DEATHS.

1883.		AGE.	
Jan.	12. Perry C. West,	.	2 years.
April	13. Hazen Mills,	.	75 "
	16. Alice V. McDuffee,	.	1 "
May	7. Albert S. Jack,	.	26 "
	8. Mrs. Emily P. Tenney,	.	73 "
	29. Mrs. Lucy W. Marsters,	.	91 "
June	22. Mrs. Jane Humphrey,	.	48 "
	29. Rev. Joshua Clemment,	.	80 "
July	3. William C. Ela,	.	56 "
	4. Mrs. Parker Morse,	.	72 "
	6. Mrs. Sally Wilson,	.	78 "
August	2. Miss Ann Craig,	.	70 "
	18. David C. French,	.	59 "
	19. Mrs. Sarah Shirley,	.	71 "
Sept.	3. Isabella A. Adams,	.	10 "
	8. Samuel S. Adams,	.	2 "
	9. Rascol Brown,	.	1 month
	16. Mabel W. Morse,	.	11 "
	17. Miss Nancy Pressey,	.	74 years.
Nov.	13. Dr. John Bell,	.	52 "
	24. Edwin Haze ton,	.	60 "
1884.		AGE.	
Jan.	1. Gerry W. Cochrane,	.	75 "
Feb.	16. Charles M. Greene,	.	42 "

The following were brought here for burial :—

1883.		AGE.	
Jan.	2. Mrs. Otis Woodward,	.	41 years.
Mar.	13. Mr. Humphrey Niles,	.	73 "

Dr.

THE TOWN OF CHESTER IN ACCOUNT WITH

To cash paid for Printing and stationery	\$33 95
" Breaking roads	47 82
" Non-resident taxes worked out	110 96
" Improvement on roads and bridges	153 92
" State tax	1,016 00
" County tax	1,280 89
" Care of cemetery and hearse and hearse house	29 70
" Sheep killed by dogs	7 00
" Collecting taxes \$30.00 on list of 1882, and \$75.00 on list of 1883	105 00
" Allowed discount on taxes paid before Aug. 1	63 00
" Superintending school committee	40 00
" Town treasurer salary	25 00
" Town clerk salary	20 00
" Supervisor's services	12 00
" School money to districts	986 06
" Overseer of poor, services and expenses	15 00
" Support of poor	542 53
" Selectmen services	127 75
" Selectmen expenses	29 89
" Town debt, notes taken up	2,256 38
" Town debt on note now outstanding	16 00
" Abatement of taxes on list of 1882 and 1883	27 36
" Town hall repairs and other expenses	44 50
" Auditor's services	6 00
" Auditor's and selectmen expenses	4 50
" School house tax in Dist. No. 1, and Dist. No. 2	150 00
" Bounty on crows and woodchucks	13 10
" Expenditures of fire wards for ladders etc.	11 53
" Returns of births and deaths	17 00
" Damages on highways	25 00
" Perambulating town line	3 00
Balance in treasurer's hands	485 01

\$7,705 85

JOHN W. NOYES, TOWN TREASURER.

Cr.

1883			
March		By balance in the treasury Feb'y 24, 1883	\$768 90
April	6.	By cash of S. F. Learnard on tax list of 1882	125 00
	20.	" R. H. Hazelton for use of town hall	21 50
May	3.	" S. F. Learnard on tax list of 1882	100 00
	9.	" " "	125 00
	23.	" " "	50 00
June	9.	" " "	100 00
	20.	" " "	100 00
	20.	" " 1883	100 00
July	19.	" " "	150 00
	28.	" " "	800 00
Aug.	1.	" " "	700 00
	2.	" " "	350 00
	15.	" State treasurer, bounty on hawks and crows	27 90
	15.	" Hired of Lydia Carr	100 00
Sept.	12.	" S. F. Learnard on tax list of 1882	100 00
	12.	" " 1883	100 00
Oct.	17.	" " "	100 00
Nov.	13.	" " "	100 00
	24.	" " 1882	300 00
	24.	" " 1883	250 00
Dec.	1.	" " "	200 00
	6.	" " "	300 00
	18.	" " 1882	100 00
	18.	" " 1883	200 00
	29.	" " "	150 00
1884.			
Jan.	3.	" " "	100 00
	10.	" " "	100 00
	21.	" " "	100 00
Feb.	12.	" State Treasurer, railroad tax,	73 95
	12.	" " savings' bank tax,	1,139 73
	12.	" " literary fund,	114 24
	12.	" S. F. Learnard, on tax list of 1883	150 00
	15.	" " "	100 00
	21.	" " "	201 63
	21.	" County for support of poor	8 00
	23.	" S. F. Learnard, on tax list of 1883	100 00
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			\$7,705 85

JOHN W. NOYES, *Town Treasurer.*

Chester, February 23, 1884.

STATEMENT.

The town owes notes as follows, all on interest at four per cent. per annum, interest cast to March 1, 1884 :

1878.			
Feb.	1.	Daty Ann Morse,	\$369 36
	1.	Moses Webster,	1,081 60
	1.	Jonathan Pressey,	952 14
	1.	Sarah Ann Morse,	1,139 33
	1.	Joseph Webster,	825 09
	15.	Daniel Sanborn,	1,267 40
1879.			
Jan.	9.	George M. Clark,	122 36
	19.	Ebenezer Marden,	401 81
1880.			
March	20.	Benjamin Dearborn,	817 13
1881.			
Aug.	15.	Lydia Carr,	102 33
Amount of notes outstanding,			<hr/> \$7,078 55

From which deduct as follows :—

Cash in Treasurer's hands,	\$485 01
Balance due on S. F. Learnard's tax list	
of 1882,	200 00
Balance due on S. F. Learnard's tax list	
of 1883,	1,300 00
Balance due from United States,	895 00
	<hr/> \$2,880 01
Balance against the town, March 1, 1884,	\$4,198 54
Amount of reduction the past year,	\$1,961 01

JOHN W. NOYES,
Treasurer.

Chester, Feb. 23, 1884.

CHESTER, N. H., Feb. 23d, 1884.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the foregoing account of the Town Treasurer for the year past, and find the same correctly cast and well vouched.

CHARLES CHASE,
GEORGE W. DOLBER, } Auditors.
AUGUSTUS P. MORSE, }

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee,

FOR 1883-4.

DISTRICT NO. 1. Money, \$235.78.

JOHN UNDERHILL, Prudential Committee.

Three terms. 28 6-10 weeks. Teacher, Miss Mary E. Wilcomb.

This school, numbering more than fifty different pupils, including many very young children, and also those old enough to take advanced studies, makes a heavy draft upon the resources of a teacher, and requires much skill and discretion for its best administration. Those attending school for the first time made rapid advancement in reading and spelling, and none of the recitations were lacking in animation. The government appeared to be even, and in the main, judicious, and a fair degree of order was secured.

Pupils, 52. Number on the honor roll, 20.

DISTRICT No. 2. Money, \$148.05.

JOHN WEBSTER and CHARLES FITZ, Prudential Committee.

Two terms. 19 weeks. Teacher, Miss Anna L. Hazelton.

This district, securing again the services of a good teacher, has held its own, as one in which the diligence and good deportment of the pupils respond to faithful instruction and wise government, on the part of the teacher. We may honestly say that the year's work has been well done.

Pupils, 27. Number on the honor roll, 7.

DISTRICT No. 3. Money, \$171.40.

EDWARD J. ROBIE, Prudential Committee.

Two terms. 21 6-10 weeks. Teachers, Miss Vina M. Richardson and Miss L. A. Harriman.

The general characteristics of the school were similar to those of last year. Miss Harriman is entitled to the thanks of the district, for arousing the pupils to more earnest study, and teaching them to make intelligent statements of what they had learned. No clearer understanding of the more difficult problems of arithmetic has been anywhere manifest, nor have better explanations been given, than by some of these pupils.

Pupils, 24.

DISTRICT No. 4. Money, \$65.95.

RICHARD C. LAWRENCE, Prudential Committee.

Two terms. 13 weeks. Teachers, Miss Abbie Dale and Miss Lizzie F. Rogers.

Summer term. The school was orderly at both visits, and the teaching faithful and thorough. More animation would have improved the recitations.

Fall term. Miss Rogers, although teaching for the first term, showed an adaption to the work, which promises well. The pleasure of listening to some excellent recitations was marred, however, by disorderly conduct on the part of two or three pupils. Good government must go hand-in-hand with good teaching, or the work will be to a certain extent, a failure.

Pupils 10. Number on the honor roll, 4.

DISTRICT No. 5. Money, \$50.05.

ASAHEL WEEKS, Prudential Committee.

Two terms. 22 weeks. Teachers, Miss Lulie M. Colcord and Miss Sarah R. Sargent.

Other schools ending at the same time with this, I could not be present at the close of the summer term. At her examination, and in the school, Miss Colcord appeared to be a ready scholar and faithful teacher. Perhaps the interest of the school would have been quickened by the use of other questions than those found in books.

Miss Sargent had charge of the school in the fall. She took pains to make the pupils understand the meaning of what they studied, and was successful to a very good degree. The school, generally, need to speak with greater distinctness.

Pupils, 12. Number on the honor roll, 6.

DISTRICT No. 6. Money, \$53.83.

O. F. PAGE, Prudential Committee.

Two terms. 13 weeks. Teacher in the summer, Miss Annie L. Dale.

The order of the school was comparatively good; also the recitations.

Teacher in the fall, Miss Vina M. Richardson. Miss R. has taught the school for two years previous to this, and has, I believe, given general satisfaction. Some concert exercises, on topics of general interest, would be of advantage mentally, and would train the children to use their voices more freely.

Pupils, 16. Number on the honor roll, 3.

DISTRICT No. 7. Money, \$80.55.

BUZZELL FOLLANSBEE, Prudential Committee.

Two terms. 15 8-10 weeks. Teacher, Miss J. P. Hazelton.

The district wisely engaged again the teacher of last year. Thus the work went on without any break, and in no respect disappointed the expectations of its friends. The school is

worthy of mention, not only for habits of application, quiet deportment, punctuality, and thoroughness of recitation, but for the amount of work accomplished in the time.

Pupils, 34. Number on the honor roll, 22.

DISTRICT No. 8. Money, \$75.91.

MRS. E. E. DOLBER, Prudential Committee.

Two terms. 18 weeks. The teacher for the summer term was Miss Etta E. Griffin, who taught the year before, and the appearance of the school did not differ, materially, this year from last. Owing to Miss Griffin's illness the last of the term, she was not able to conduct the closing examination herself.

Miss Ruth C. Mills was engaged for the fall term. Miss Mills labored hard to secure distinct utterance and accurate recitations, in which the school has been somewhat deficient. A considerable improvement was the result of this endeavor. There was some laxity with regard to order, of which the younger children were not slow to take advantage.

Pupils, 19. Number on the honor roll, 1.

DISTRICT No. 9. Money, \$51.01.

AMOS SANBORN, Prudential Committee.

Two terms. 13 6-10 weeks. Teacher, Miss L. M. Elkins.

Miss Elkins did not undervalue the importance of her work, because the school was small, but labored with great earnestness, and ingenuity for its welfare, and showed herself quite competent to the management of a larger school.

Pupils, 2. Number on the honor roll, 1.

DISTRICT No. 10. Money, \$38.29.

O. H. TARLTON, Prudential Committee.

Two terms. 12 weeks. Mrs. E. S. Hooke, Teacher.

This school has been increased by the addition of four pupils this year. It still stands first in its record of punctuality, eight out of the nine members having a place on the honor roll. The term of schooling was short, being only twelve weeks, including

one given by the teacher, but good use was made of the period of study.

Pupils, 9. Number on the honor roll, 8.

ROLL OF HONOR.

A list of the names of those who have been perfect in punctuality through a term.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Joseph L. Adams,	Julia Morse,
Charles Brown,	Mary Morse,
Henry Brown,	Laura Morse,
George Burroughs,	Walter Quimby,
Georgiana Edwards,	Arthur Rogers,
Frank Fisk,	Addie Smith,*
John Fisk,	John Smith,
Dora Griffin.*	Fred. Griffin,
Mary Landergan,	Lily G. Melvin,*
Etta McDuffie,	Jennie McDuffie.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Clara C. Chase,*	Katie Coolidge,
Mattie L. Coolidge,	Warren E. Dearborn,
Nora Green,	Josie Richardson,
Minnie West.	

DISTRICT No. 4.

Esther Berney,	Jennie Buchanan,
Nannie Childs,*	Frank F. Smith.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Alice B. Abbott,	Ida M. Abbott,
Georgie Abbott,	Luna L. Holman,
Irena W. Smith,	Susie C. Smith.

DISTRICT No. 6

Alice Spofford,*	Osman Spofford,*
James Towle.	

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Hattie Collins,	Herbert L. Collins,*
Daniel O. Coomes,*	Hattie Crowell,
Leslie R. Crowell,	Russell M. Everett,*
Cora Follansbee,*	Herman Follansbee,*
Eben Follansbee,	Frank R. Green,*
Addie Hutchins,*	Alice B. Hazelton,
Fred. Hazelton,	Jennie Johnson,
Nellie Johnson,	Nettie Morse,*
Georgie Norris,*	Mary Norris,*
Daniel V. Norris,*	Lillian Shattuck,
Sarah L. Stevens,	Alice B. Tenney.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Willie Wason.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Elmer A. Sanborn.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Bertie E. Emerson,	Charles H. Emerson,*
John V. Emerson,*	Warren M. Emerson,*
Jennie B. Knights,*	Florence M. Lane,*
Marion E. Lane,*	Emma F. Parker.

*Two terms.

PUNCTUAL WITH ONE EXCEPTION.

No. 2.—Alice Bell, Samuel Bell, Nellie Hall, Nettie B. Morse.

No. 3.—Nettie M. Robie.

No. 7.—Oren Coomes, Etta Dennison, Belle Shattuck.

TO TEACHERS AND PARENTS.

Some of the schools have made an improvement upon last year, and, in general, they have not retrograded ; yet in many of them a higher standard is greatly to be wished for. Those entering upon the work of teaching cannot begin with experience, but they would be wise to consider well how they are otherwise equipped for the work. Have they the essential knowledge of the common branches, and some aptness in communicating what they know? Have they the power of winning and controlling children, and patience in drilling them? And, above all, have they the character which they could wish to impress upon children?

Much teaching is done in a mechanical manner, and does not quicken the intellect. More might often be made of the reading exercise, not only by questions on the meaning of the words but concerning the characters or objects introduced. The Geography classes would be made more profitable by a larger use of the wall maps, and by teaching some simple map drawing. And, especially should more attention be given to the Analysis of arithmetical questions. No better foundation can be laid for this, than by the mastery of Colburn's Mental Arithmetic "that only faultless text-book."

A teacher needs a fine sense of order. It is natural for children to rush out of school when dismissed, but they need to learn that the school room is not a play-ground. It is worth while to take some little time at the opening of a term to enforce the habit of taking and leaving the seats in an orderly manner, and this should be done with equal good temper and decision.

The proper ventilation of a school room requires care. Fresh air generally needs to be introduced as early as the first recess, and more freely, as the day progresses, yet not so that the pupils shall be in the current of it. The air of school rooms in the afternoon is sometimes very oppressive, but the change has been so gradual that it is apparent only to one coming from the open air.

Parents should seek to forward the teacher's work by their sympathy and co-operation. The children are the losers if they are encouraged in disrespectful speech or conduct, or allowed to be irregular in their attendance at school.

If the majority of the parents are convinced by personal examination of the school that a wise choice of teachers has not been made, the better way will be to speak quietly to the prudential committee, *in season* to prevent a repetition of the mistake, another term. A free and open discussion of the case, before the children, would not be judicious.

It is a question worthy of consideration whether it would not be an advantage to combine some of the smaller districts, reducing the number to eight. A part of the money might be used in carrying those who are unable to walk the whole distance, and the remainder appropriated to lengthening the term.

CHESTER ACADEMY.

Thirty-five pupils have been connected with the Academy this winter, under the instruction of Miss L. A. Harriman. I believe I express the general sentiment, in characterizing the term as profitable one, satisfactory to the pupils, and approved by the parents.

This report is respectfully offered for your consideration.

H. A. MELVIN,

Superintendent of Schools.

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